

Section 502, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, is amended to read:

**§502. Waterfowl, Migratory; American Coot and Common Moorhen (Common Gallinule).**

**(a) Definitions.**

(1) Dark geese. Dark geese include Canada geese, cackling geese, Aleutian geese and white-fronted geese (“specklebelly”).

(2) Large Canada geese. Canada geese include western Canada geese (“honker”) and lesser Canada geese (“lessers”).

(3) Small Canada geese. Small (about the size of a mallard) Canada geese include cackling geese and Aleutian geese. Both are white-cheeked geese nearly identical in appearance to Large Canada geese. Aleutian geese have a thin white neck ring and Cackling geese have dark breasts. Both species have a high-pitched cackle as opposed to the deeper “honking”.

(4) White geese. White geese include Ross' geese and snow geese.

**(b) Waterfowl Hunting Zones.**

(1) Northeastern California Zone: In that portion of California lying east and north of a line beginning at the intersection of the Klamath River with the California-Oregon line; south and west along the Klamath River to the mouth of Shovel Creek; along Shovel Creek to its intersection with Forest Service Road 46N05 at Burnt Camp; west to its junction with Forest Service Road 46N10; south and east to its Junction with County Road 7K007; south and west to its junction with Forest Service Road 45N22; south and west to its junction with Highway 97 at Grass Lake Summit; south along to its junction with Interstate 5 at the town of Weed; south to its junction with Highway 89; east and south along Highway 89 to main street Greenville; north and east to its junction with North Valley Road; south to its junction of Diamond Mountain Road; north and east to its junction with North Arm Road; south and west to the junction of North Valley Road; south to the junction with Arlington Road (A22); west to the junction of Highway 89; south and west to the junction of Highway 70; east on Highway 70 to Highway 395; south and east on Highway 395 to the point of intersection with the California-Nevada state line; north along the California-Nevada state line to the junction of the California-Nevada-Oregon state lines west along the California-Oregon line state to the point of origin.

(2) Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: All of Kings and Tulare counties and that portion of Kern County north of the Southern California Zone.

(3) Southern California Zone: In that portion of southern California (but excluding the Colorado River zone) lying south and east of a line beginning at the mouth of the Santa Maria River at the Pacific Ocean; east along the Santa Maria River to where it crosses Highway 166 near the City of Santa Maria; east on Highway 166 to the junction with Highway 99; south on Highway 99 to the crest of the Tehachapi Mountains at Tejon Pass; east and north along the crest of the Tehachapi Mountains to where it intersects Highway 178 at Walker Pass; east on Highway 178 to the junction of Highway 395 at the town of Inyokern; south on Highway 395 to the junction of Highway 58; east on Highway 58 to the junction of Interstate 15; east on Interstate 15 to the junction with Highway 127; north on Highway 127 to the point of intersection with the California-Nevada state line.

(4) Colorado River Zone: In those portions of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial counties lying east of the following lines: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 95 with the California-Nevada state line; south along Highway 95 to Vidal Junction; south through the town of Rice to the San Bernardino-Riverside county line on a road known as "Aqueduct Road" in San Bernardino County; south from the San Bernardino-Riverside county line on road known in Riverside County as the "Desert Center to Rice Road" to the town of Desert Center; east 31 miles on Interstate 10 to its intersection with the Wiley Well Road; south on this road to Wiley Well; southeast along the Army-Milpitas Road to the Blythe, Brawley, Davis Lake intersections; south on the Blythe-Brawley paved road to its intersection with the Ogilby and Tumco Mine Road; south on this road to Highway 80; east seven miles on Highway 80 to its intersection with the Andrade-Algodones Road; south on this paved road to the intersection of the Mexican boundary line at Algodones, Mexico.

(5) Balance of State Zone: That portion of the state not included in Northeastern California, Southern California, Colorado River or the Southern San Joaquin Valley zones.

(A) Special Management Areas

1. North Coast. All of Del Norte and Humboldt counties.

2. Humboldt Bay (South). Beginning at the intersection of the north boundary of Table Bluff County Park and the South Jetty Road; north along the South Jetty Road to the South Jetty; west along the South Jetty to the mean low water line of the Pacific Ocean; south along mean water line to its intersection with the north boundary of the Table Bluff County Park; east along the north boundary of the Table Bluff County Park to the point of origin.

3. Sacramento Valley West. Beginning at the town of Willows; south on Interstate 5 to the junction with Hahn Road; east on Hahn Road and the Grimes-Arbuckle Road to the town of Grimes; north on Highway 45 to its junction with Highway 162; north on Highway 45-162 to the town of Glenn; west on Highway 162 to the point of beginning.

4. Sacramento Valley (East). Beginning at the junction of the Gridley-Colusa Highway and the Cherokee Canal; west on the Gridley-Colusa Highway to Gould Road; west on Gould Road and due west 0.75 miles directly to Highway 45; south on Highway 45 to Highway 20; east on Highway 20 to West Butte Road; north on West Butte Road to Pass Road; west on Pass Road to West Butte Road; north on West Butte Road to North Butte Road; west on North Butte Road and due west 0.5 miles directly to the Cherokee Canal; north on the Cherokee Canal to the point of beginning.

5. Morro Bay. Beginning at a point where the high tide line intersects the State Park boundary west of Cuesta by the Sea; northeasterly to a point 200 yards offshore of the high tide line at the end of Mitchell Drive in Baywood Park; northeasterly to a point 200 yards offshore of the high tide line west of the Morro Bay State Park Boundary, adjacent to Baywood Park; north to a point 300 yards south of the high tide line at the end of White Point; north along a line 400 yards offshore of the south boundary of the Morro Bay City limit to a point adjacent to Fairbanks Point; northwesterly to the high tide line on the sand spit; southerly along the high tide line of the sand spit to the south end of Morro Bay; easterly along the Park boundary at the high tide line to the beginning point.

6. San Joaquin Valley. Beginning at the intersection of Highway 5 and Highway 120; south on Highway 5 to Highway 33; southeast on Highway 33 to Crows Landing Road;

~~north on Crows Landing Road to Highway 99; north on Highway 99 to Highway 120; west on Highway 120 to the point of beginning.~~

~~75~~ 6. Martis Creek Lake. The waters and shoreline of Martis Creek Lake, Placer and Nevada counties.

~~86~~ 7. Imperial County. Beginning at Highway 86 and the Navy Test Base Road; south on Highway 86 to the town of Westmoreland; continue through the town of Westmoreland to Route S26; east on Route S26 to Highway 115; north on highway 115 to Weist Rd.; north on Weist Rd. to Flowing Wells Rd.; northeast on Flowing Wells Rd. to the Coachella Canal; northwest on the Coachella Canal to Drop 18; a straight line from Drop 18 to Frink Rd.; south on Frink Rd. to Highway 111; north on Highway 111 to Niland Marina Rd.; southwest on Niland Marina Rd. to the old Imperial County boat ramp and the water line of the Salton Sea; from the water line of the Salton Sea, a straight line across the Salton Sea to the Salinity Control Research Facility and the Navy Test Base Road; southwest on the Navy Test Base Road to the point of beginning.

(c) Statewide Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for American Coots, Common Moorhens, and Black Brant.

(1) Species	(2) Season	(3) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
American Coot and Common Moorhen:	Concurrent with duck season(s) <del>and during the period between segments of split duck seasons.</del>	25 per day, 25 in possession, either all of one species or a mixture of these species.
Black Brant	From November 10 through December 9.	2 per day, 4 in possession.

(d) Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Ducks and Geese by Zone.

(1) Northeastern California Zone

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
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Ducks (including Mergansers)	<p><u>A split season from the second Saturday in October extending for a period of 60 days and from the second Friday in December extending for a period of 45 days.</u></p> <p><del>Pintails from the second Saturday in October extending for 60 days.</del>  <u>Pintails: a split season from the second Saturday in October extending for a period of 51 days and from the third Saturday in January extending for a period of 9 days.</u></p> <p><u>Canvasbacks from the second Saturday in October extending for 60 days</u> <del>Season closed.</del></p>	<p>Daily bag limit: <u>57</u>  Daily bag limit makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• up to <u>57</u> mallards, but not more than <u>12</u> females.</li> <li>• only 1 pintail of either sex <del>may be taken during the 60 day season.</del></li> <li>• <u>only 1 canvasback of either sex.</u></li> <li>• only 2 redheads of either sex.</li> <li>• only 4 scaup.</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit</p>
Geese	From the second Saturday in October extending for 100 days.	<p>Daily bag limit: 3  Daily bag limit makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>three</del> <u>up to 3</u> <del>may be</del> white geese.</li> <li>• only 2 <del>may be</del> dark geese of which only 1 may be a small Canada goose (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>

(2) Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	<p><del>A split season from the third Saturday in October extending for a period of 16100 days and from the fourth Saturday in November extending for a period of 65 days.</del>  <u>A split season from the third Saturday in October extending for a period of 33 days and from the third Friday in November extending for a period of 66 days.</u></p> <p><del>Pintails: a split season from the third</del></p>	<p>Daily bag limit: <u>57</u>  Daily bag limit makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• up to <u>57</u> mallards, but not more than <u>12</u> females.</li> <li>• only 1 pintail of either sex <del>may be taken during the 60 day split season.</del></li> <li>• <u>only 1 canvasback of either sex.</u></li> <li>• only 2 redheads of either sex.</li> </ul>

	<p><del>Saturday in October extending for a period of 7 days and from the first Thursday in December extending for a period of 53 days.</del></p> <p><u>Pintails: a split season from the third Saturday in October extending for a period of 9 days and from the first Saturday in December extending for a period of 51 days.</u></p> <p><u>Canvasbacks from the fourth Thursday in November extending for 60 days</u> <del>Season closed.</del></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>only 4 scaup.</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>
Geese	<p>From the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days.</p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 3</p> <p>Daily bag limit makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>three</del> <u>up to 3</u> <del>may be</del> white geese.</li> <li>only 2 dark geese of which only 1 may be a small Canada goose (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>

(3) Southern California Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION (5)(D) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers):	<p>From the <del>first</del> <u>third</u> Saturday in <del>November</del> <u>October</u> extending for <del>86</del> <u>100</u> days.</p> <p><u>Pintails from the fourth Thursday in November extending for 60 days.</u></p> <p><u>Canvasbacks from the fourth Thursday in November extending for 60 days</u> <del>Season closed.</del></p>	<p>Daily bag limit: <del>57</del></p> <p>Daily bag limit makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>up to <del>57</del> mallards, but not more than <del>42</del> females.</li> <li>only 1 pintail of either sex <del>may be taken during the 60 day season.</del></li> <li><u>only 1 canvasback of either sex.</u></li> <li>only 2 redheads of either sex.</li> <li>only 4 scaup.</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>
Geese	From the third Saturday in October	Daily bag limit: 5

	extending for 100 days.	<p>Daily bag limit makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>up to 3</u> <del>may be</del> white geese.</li> <li>• <u>up to 3</u> <del>may be</del> dark geese, but only 1 may be a small Canada goose (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>
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(4) Colorado River Zone

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	<p>From the Friday after the second Sunday in October extending for 101 days.</p> <p><u>Pintails from the fourth Thursday in November extending for 60 days.</u></p> <p><u>Canvasbacks from the fourth Thursday in November extending for 60 days</u> <del>Season closed.</del></p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 7</p> <p>Daily bag limit makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>up to 7</u> mallards, but not more than 2 females or Mexican-like ducks.</li> <li>• only 1 pintail of either sex <del>may be taken during the 60 day season.</del></li> <li>• <u>only 1 canvasback of either sex.</u></li> <li>• only 2 redheads of either sex.</li> <li>• only 4 scaup.</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>
Geese	From October <del>4</del> <u>17</u> extending for 101 days.	<p>Daily bag limit: 6</p> <p>Daily bag limit makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• up to 3 white geese.</li> <li>• up to 3 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>

(5) Balance of State Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION (D) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including	<del>A split season f</del> <u>From the fourth</u> <del>third</del> <u>Saturday in October extending for a</u>	<p>Daily bag limit: <u>5</u><del>7</del></p> <p>Daily bag limit makeup:</p>

Mergansers).	<p><del>period of 16100 days and from the fifth Saturday in November extending for a period of 58 days.</del>  <u>A split season from the third Saturday in October extending for a period of 33 days and from the third Friday in November extending for a period of 66 days.</u></p> <p><del>Pintails: a split season from the fourth Saturday in October extending for a period of 16 days and from the second Saturday in December extending for a period of 44 days.</del>  <u>Pintails: a split season from the third Saturday in October extending for a period of 9 days and from the first Saturday in December extending for a period of 51 days.</u></p> <p><u>Canvasbacks from the fourth Thursday in November extending for 60 days</u> <del>Season closed.</del></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• up to <del>57</del> mallards, but not more than <del>42</del> females.</li> <li>• only 1 pintail of either sex <del>may be taken during the 60 day split season.</del></li> <li>• <u>only 1 canvasback of either sex.</u></li> <li>• only 2 redheads of either sex.</li> <li>• only 4 scaup.</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>
Geese	From the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days.	<p>Daily bag limit: 3  Daily bag limit makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>three</del> <u>up to 3</u> <del>may be</del> white geese.</li> <li>• only 2 dark geese of which only 1 may be a small Canada goose (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>

(D) Special Management Areas

Area	Species	Season
1. North Coast	All Canada Geese	<del>Five days f</del> <u>From the second Saturday in November 23,</u> <del>200222</del> <u>extending for 5 16</u> <u>days.</u> Daily bag limit: 1 Canada Goose (see definitions: 502(a)).

		Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.
2. South Humboldt Bay	All species	Closed November 10 through December 9.
3. Sacramento Valley (West)	White-Fronted Geese	Closed after December 14, except for Youth Hunting Days.
4. Sacramento Valley (East)	All Canada Geese	Closed all year.
<del>5</del> 5. Morro Bay	All species	Open in designated area only.
<del>6</del> 6. San Joaquin Valley	All Canada Geese	Closed all year.
<del>7</del> 56. Martis Lake	All species	Closed until November 16.
<del>8</del> 67. Imperial County	White geese	Open from the end of the general goose season through the first Sunday in February. Daily bag limit 3 white geese.  Possession limit double the daily bag limit.

(e) Youth Hunting Days Regulations (NOTE: Youth hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 18 years of age or older.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag Limits
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Ducks (including Mergansers), American Coot, Common Moorhen, Black Brant, Geese	<p>1. Northeastern California Zone: The last weekend in September.</p> <p>2. Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: <del>November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and t</del>The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.</p> <p>3. Southern California Zone: The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.</p> <p>4. Colorado River Zone: The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season.</p> <p>5. Balance of State Zone: <del>November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and t</del>The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.</p>	Same as regular season <del>EXCEPT in the November Youth hunts in the Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone and the Balance of State Zone, the pintail season is closed.</del>
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(f) Falconry Take of Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coots, and Common Moorhens.

(1) Statewide Provisions

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
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<p>Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coot and Common Moorhen-</p>	<p>1. Northeastern California Zone. Open concurrently with duck season and extending for 105 days.</p> <p>2. Balance of State Zone. Open concurrently with duck season and extending for 107 days.</p> <p>3. Southern San Joaquin <u>Valley</u> Zone. Open concurrently with duck season and extending for 107 days.</p> <p>4. Southern California Zone. Open concurrently with goose season and extending for 107 days.</p> <p>5. Colorado River Zone. Concurrent with <del>the</del> duck season and from January <del>27-31</del><u>26-30</u>, 200<u>3</u><del>4</del>. Goose hunting in this zone by means of falconry is not permitted. Federal regulations require that California's hunting regulations conform to those of Arizona, where goose hunting by means of falconry is not permitted.</p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 3 Daily bag limit makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Either all of 1 species or a mixture of species allowed for take.</li> </ul> <p><del>Canvasback Season closed.</del></p> <p>Possession limit: 6</p>
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NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 202 and 355, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 202, 355 and 356, Fish and Game Code.